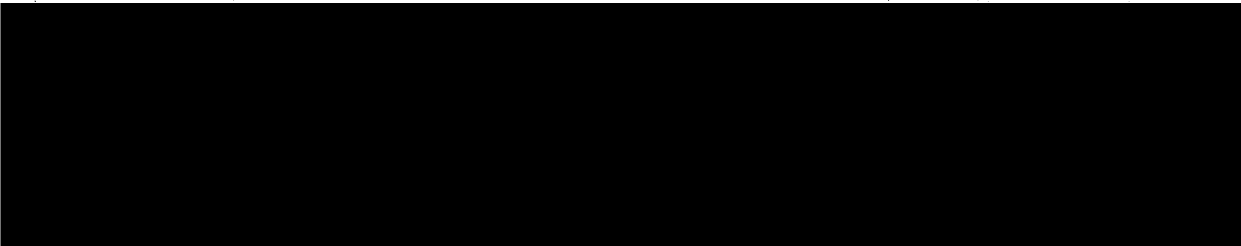


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- 25X1A 1. The expected resignation of Dr. Stumm, provided the establishment of the Department to Secure Democracy is approved by the Allied Kommandatura, will further deplete the already thin ranks of executive personnel at the Police Praesidium. (Comment: At present the positions of Vice-President, Chief of Personnel, Chief of Finance, and Chief of Schools and Training are vacant, to mention only the most important ones.) According to well-informed sources, the Police President himself is thinking of resigning, thus leaving the responsibility of running the police squarely up to the Kommandatura.
2. The current discouraging situation has a number of causes, according to source. The relatively low salary of police executives, the heavy responsibility, and most of all, the "mud slinging" press campaigns aimed at almost everybody in public life in Berlin, all tend to discourage individuals with sufficient capabilities to fill the posts in question. In addition, it is felt by many that under the stringent supervision of the Kommandatura, which is backed up by veto power on the slightest pretext, the police cannot be really effective.
3. The Social Democratic City Administration made no headway in their drive to improve the conditions and quality of personnel of the police. The discharge or resignation of ranking officers needs quadripartite agreement, but an even bigger obstacle is presented by the Allies' seeming inability to agree on the selection of even lower ranking officials. It has now been suggested that the Oberbürgermeister try to acquire authority to reduce the number of municipal employees by fifteen percent as an economy measure. By this method, perhaps a number of the most objectionable people could be eliminated and thus shake the still strong Communist hold over the police.
4. Should Dr. Stumm's resignation become a fact, his probable successor would be Dr. Urban, at present head of the Legal Division of the Police Praesidium. Urban is approximately 36 years of age. He attended the University of Berlin and became a Certified Public Accountant in 1936. He travelled abroad, and speaks English and French well. Urban served with the German Army during the war. The highest rank that he attained was "Unteroffizier" (Sergeant). Urban entered the police in July 1945 and has served since then in the Praesidial Abteilung under Dr. Stumm. He has a pleasant personality and is said to be a fairly efficient lawyer. A member of the Social Democratic Party, he is most friendly to the Americans. According to source, Urban's police experience is very limited. He never served outside the Praesidium and cannot be expected to have the same grasp of the situation which is possessed by the incumbent. Urban's successor, in turn, would be Dr. Weil, now in the legal Division. Weil left Germany in 1933 and joined the French Foreign Legion upon the outbreak of the war, and thus fought on the Allied side. He is a Social Democrat. 25X1A